

REMARKS

In response to the Restriction Requirement mailed August 8, 2002 (Paper No. 6), applicants elect the claims of Group 1 (Claims 1-7, 10-18) without traverse. Election is without prejudice to applicants' right to prosecute the non-elected claims in a subsequent patent application. Applicants note that the Examiner omitted Claim 11 from the four claim groups set forth in the Restriction Requirement. Applicants respectfully remind the Examiner that in a telephone conference with applicants' attorney, Barry McGurl, on September 5, 2002, the Examiner indicated that Claim 11 is included in Group 1. The non-elected claims have been canceled from the present application.

In the communication mailed August 8, 2002, the Examiner noted that non-initialed and/or non-dated alterations had been made to the Declaration. Enclosed herewith for entry into the application is a properly executed Combined Declaration and Power of Attorney.

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In the Claims:

15. (Amended) The method of Claim 1 wherein the animal is exhibiting a wound response, and the amount of the introduced molecule is effective to [[reduce]] improve the wound response.

Claims 8-9 and 19-27 have been canceled.

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